

Office of Veterans Affairs

Description	FY 2002 Approved	FY 2003 Proposed	% Change
Operating Budget	\$230,000	\$239,850	4.3

The mission of the District of Columbia Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA) is to advocate on behalf of District veterans, their dependents and survivors, in exercising rights, privileges and benefits.

In addition, OVA seeks to provide information, counsel and assistance to veterans, their dependents and survivors, in acquiring Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits and privileges, including initiating VA benefit claims, obtaining medical services, and burial rights.

OVA was created, as an entity under the Executive Office of the Mayor in October 2001, as a part of a bill amending Title 47. The agency plans to fulfill its mission by achieving the following strategic goals:

- Assist veterans and their families in obtaining Federal and local veteran benefit entitlements.
- Become an organization that is recognized as a partner by county, state, national veteran service organizations, and Federal agencies, in providing information and assistance to veterans.
- Solicit services from other governmental agencies that will assist veterans, their dependents, survivors and military service members to obtain veteran benefit entitlements.
- Serve as a clearinghouse for providing information and assistance that will enhance District veterans' quality of life.

Did you know...

Number of veterans in the District of Columbia	48,000
Date Mayor's Order 2001-92 established the Advisory Board on Veterans Affairs	June 2001
U.S. Government Website	http://www.va.gov

Where the Money Comes From

Table VA0-1 shows the source(s) of funding and the amounts for the Office of Veterans Affairs.

Table VA0-1

FY 2003 Proposed Operating Budget, by Revenue Type

(dollars in thousands)

	Actual FY 2000	Actual FY 2001	Approved FY 2002	Proposed FY 2003	Change From FY 2002
Local	0	0	230	240	10
Gross Funds	0	0	230	240	10

How the Money is Allocated

Tables VA0-2 and 3 show the FY 2003 proposed budget and FTEs for OVA at the Comptroller Source Group level (Object Class Level).

Table VA0-2

FY 2003 Proposed Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

(dollars in thousands)

	Actual FY 2000	Actual FY 2001	Approved FY 2002	Proposed FY 2003	Change from FY 2002
Regular Pay - Cont Full Time	0	0	124	126	3
Fringe Benefits - Curr Personnel	0	0	22	23	0
<i>Personal Services</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>3</i>
Supplies and Materials	0	0	9	9	0
Telephone, Telegraph, Telegram, Etc	0	0	3	10	7
Other Services and Charges	0	0	29	29	0
Equipment & Equipment Rental	0	0	43	43	0
<i>Non-personal Services</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>7</i>
Total Proposed Operating Budget	0	0	230	240	10

Table VA0-3

FY 2003 Full-Time Equivalent Employment Levels

	Actual FY 2000	Actual FY 2001	Approved FY 2002	Proposed FY 2003	Change from FY 2002
Continuing full time	0	0	3	3	0
Total FTEs	0	0	3	3	0

Local Funds

The proposed Local budget is \$239,850, an increase of \$9,850, or 4.3 percent, over the FY 2002 approved budget of \$230,000. Of this increase, \$2,944 is for personal services and \$6,906 is for nonpersonal services. There are 3 FTEs funded by Local sources, which reflects no

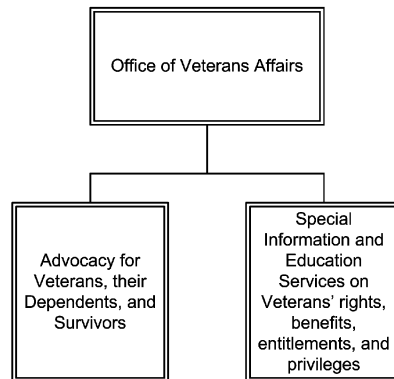
change in the number of FTEs from FY 2002.

Significant changes are:

- An increase of \$2,944 due to the pay increase approved in FY 2002.
- An increase of \$6,906 due to adjustments for fixed costs estimates.

Figure VA0-1

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The OVA has an executive director who develops the agency's programs and oversees its daily operations. The director supervises two office employees: the Veterans Benefit Representative and the Staff Assistant.

Programs

The OVA programs are designed to assist veterans, their dependents, survivors and military service members to obtain veteran benefit entitlements. In addition, the OVA will sponsor and participate in special programs, which recognize and commemorate the military service of veterans residing in the District of Columbia. OVA programs are designed to accomplish the following:

- Provide advocacy support and information services to veterans, their dependents, and survivors concerning Federal and District of Columbia laws and regulations affecting veteran benefits and claims.
- Assist veterans, their dependents, and survivors to receive all veteran benefit entitlements from the District and Federal government.
- Increase and secure public support for the office, including the solicitation of donations, grants and volunteer services, in accordance with District of Columbia laws.
- Pursue opportunities to provide service to veterans through public private partnerships with veteran service organizations, business, labor and religious organizations, private charities and other public and private groups.

Agency Goals and Performance Measures

Goal 1: Develop DC veteran's database

Citywide Strategic Priority Area: Strengthening

Children, Youth, Families and Individuals

Manager: Kerwin E. Miller, Interim Executive Director

Supervisor: Kerwin E. Miller, Interim Executive Director

Measure 1.1: Percent of agencies contacted for veteran database information

	2000	Fiscal Year		2003	2004
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Target	N/A	N/A	N/A	75	100
Actual	N/A	N/A	-	-	-

Measure 1.2: Number of DC veterans contacted for veteran database information

	2000	Fiscal Year		2003	2004
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Target	N/A	N/A	N/A	1000	5000
Actual	N/A	N/A	-	-	-

Goal 2: Identify citywide federal and local services for DC veterans

Citywide Strategic Priority Area: Strengthening

Children, Youth, Families and Individuals

Manager: Kerwin E. Miller, Interim Executive Director

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Measure 2.1: Number of citywide federal and local services for DC veterans identified

	2000	Fiscal Year		2003	2004
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Target	N/A	N/A	N/A	25	50
Actual	N/A	N/A	-	-	-

Goal 3: Provide veteran federal and local services information to DC veterans, their dependents and survivors

Citywide Strategic Priority Area: Strengthening

Children, Youth, Families and Individuals

Manager: Kerwin E. Miller, Interim Executive Director

Supervisor: Kerwin E. Miller, Interim Executive Director

Measure 3.1: Number of publications issued containing veteran federal and local services information

	2000	Fiscal Year		2003	2004
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Target	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	4
Actual	N/A	N/A	-	-	-

Goal 4: Provide veteran entitlement information to DC veterans, their dependents and survivors

Citywide Strategic Priority Area: Strengthening

Children, Youth, Families and Individuals

Manager: Kerwin E. Miller, Interim Executive Director

Supervisor: Kerwin E. Miller, Interim Executive Director

Measure 4.1: Number of publications issued containing veteran federal and local veteran benefit entitlement information

	2000	Fiscal Year		2003	2004
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Target	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	4
Actual	N/A	N/A	-	-	-